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### **North Carolina Human Relations Commission Welcomes 13 New Commissioners**

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The Human Relations Commission (HRC), a division of the NC Department of Administration, hosted a meeting of the Commission on June 24, 2014. Secretary of Administration Bill Daughtride welcomed Commissioners and provided a brief overview of the mission of the Human Relations Commission.

“I would like to congratulate our new Commissioners and encourage you to work at the local level to facilitate positive human relations,” said Secretary Daughtride. “North Carolina is experiencing dramatic changes in population and demographics. You have the opportunity to be a constructive force for positive change.”

NC Supreme Court Justice Paul Newby administered Oaths of Office for 13 new commissioners and incumbent Commissioner Laura Jamerson of Shelby. The new Commissioners are: Norris Aikens, Reidsville; Guy Anglade, Raleigh; Kevin Daniels, Raleigh; Luke Farley, Raleigh; Kevin Farrell, Cary; Immanuel Jarvis, Durham; Valerie Johnson, Durham; Angus McDiarmid, Zionville; R. Tony McGhee, Wilmington; Dana Merck, Winston-Salem; Gilbert Parker, Fuquay-Varina; Michael Picarelli, Greensboro; and Ralph E. Stevenson, Rocky Mount.

Emily Williams, Executive Director of HRC, discussed the involvement of the Commission in the resolution of fair housing issues and Richard Boulden, Legal Counsel of HRC, discussed the statutorily-charged mission of the Commission relative to its role in the adjudication of fair housing cases. Commissioners volunteered to serve on four committees: education, employment, housing, and public safety. They will report on local issues relative to their committees at the next meeting of the Commission.

For more information about the Human Relations Commission, please contact Emily Williams at 919-807-4420.

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